

# CAREER EDGE®

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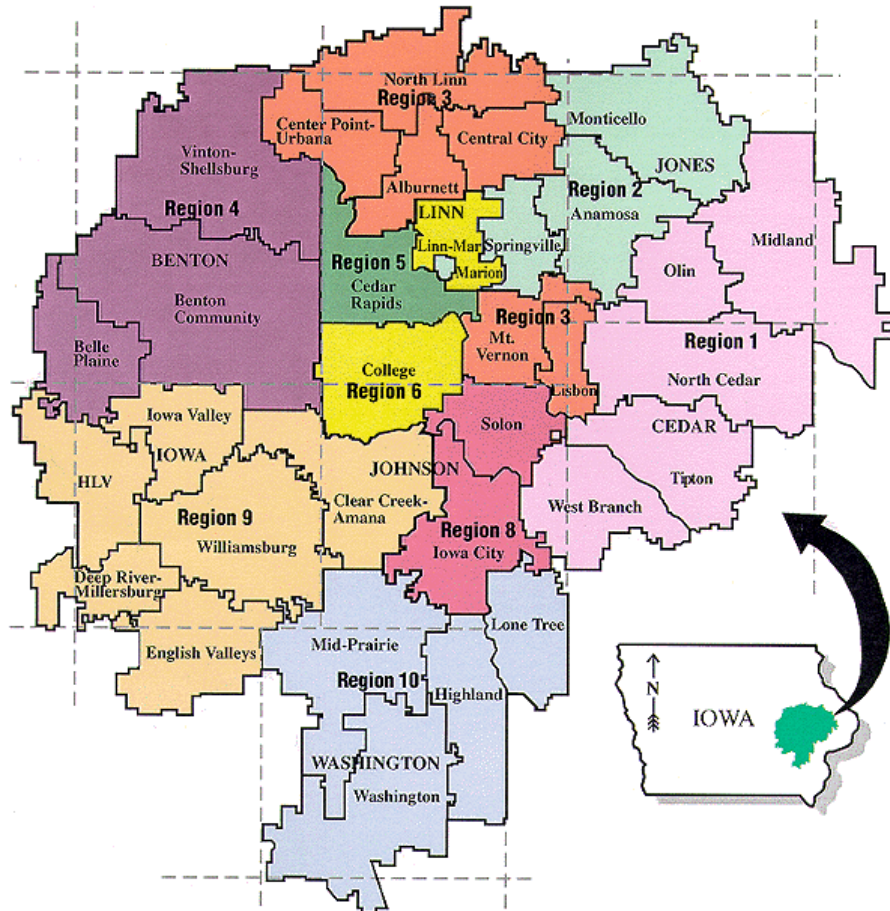


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# Partnership: Kirkwood Community College & Area School Districts



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# What High School Students Want? Our Research Shows...

- ◆ Better preparation for college
- ◆ Relevant, hands-on learning
- ◆ Meaningful career experiences
  - ◆ Speakers, tours, job shadows, & internships
- ◆ Rewards
  - ◆ Skill/competency certificates
  - ◆ Scholarships
  - ◆ College credit



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# Our Response to these Needs...

## Career Edge Academy Core Elements

- ◇ 2+2+2 design
- ◇ Career & academic coursework
- ◇ Individual career/education plan & multiple options after high school
- ◇ High school PLUS college credit



- ◇ Competency certificates
- ◇ Work-based learning experiences
- ◇ Valuable scholarships

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- ◆ Tours & Speakers
- ◆ Job shadows (c.2300)
- ◆ Internships (c.300)
- ◆ Career fairs
- ◆ Teacher @ Work
- ◆ Staff development

**Connecting youth with the  
*New World of Work***



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# Unique Features -

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- ◆ Regional Partnership
  - ◆ Kirkwood College
  - ◆ 33 school districts
  - ◆ The Workplace Learning Connection
  - ◆ Regional employers
  - ◆ Chambers of Commerce & Economic Development
  - ◆ Area Education Agency
- ◆ Flexible format
  - ◆ Academy within a school
  - ◆ Shared off-sites – college, hospital, auto center, etc.
  - ◆ Regular school hours, after-school hours, weekends
- ◆ Academies are academic department-based
- ◆ 1,113 CE Students

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**Local Area  
Networking**



**Graphics & Media  
Communication**



**Automotive  
Technology**



**Health  
Sciences**

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Academy**

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**Engineering &  
Engineering Technology**



**Education and  
Human Services**

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# High School - Benefits

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- ◆ Expanded curriculum opportunities
- ◆ Rigorous & relevant learning
- ◆ Professional development for faculty
- ◆ Strengthened linkage with Kirkwood College
- ◆ Students earn college credit, competency certificates, & scholarships
- ◆ Career Pathway plans & multiple options after high school

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# Policies Impacting Career Edge Academies...

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## ◆ Federal

- ◆ Perkins Basic & Perkins Tech Prep
- ◆ No Child Left Behind

## ◆ State

- ◆ Supplemental Weighted Funding
- ◆ Grow Iowa Value (economic development) Funds

## ◆ Local

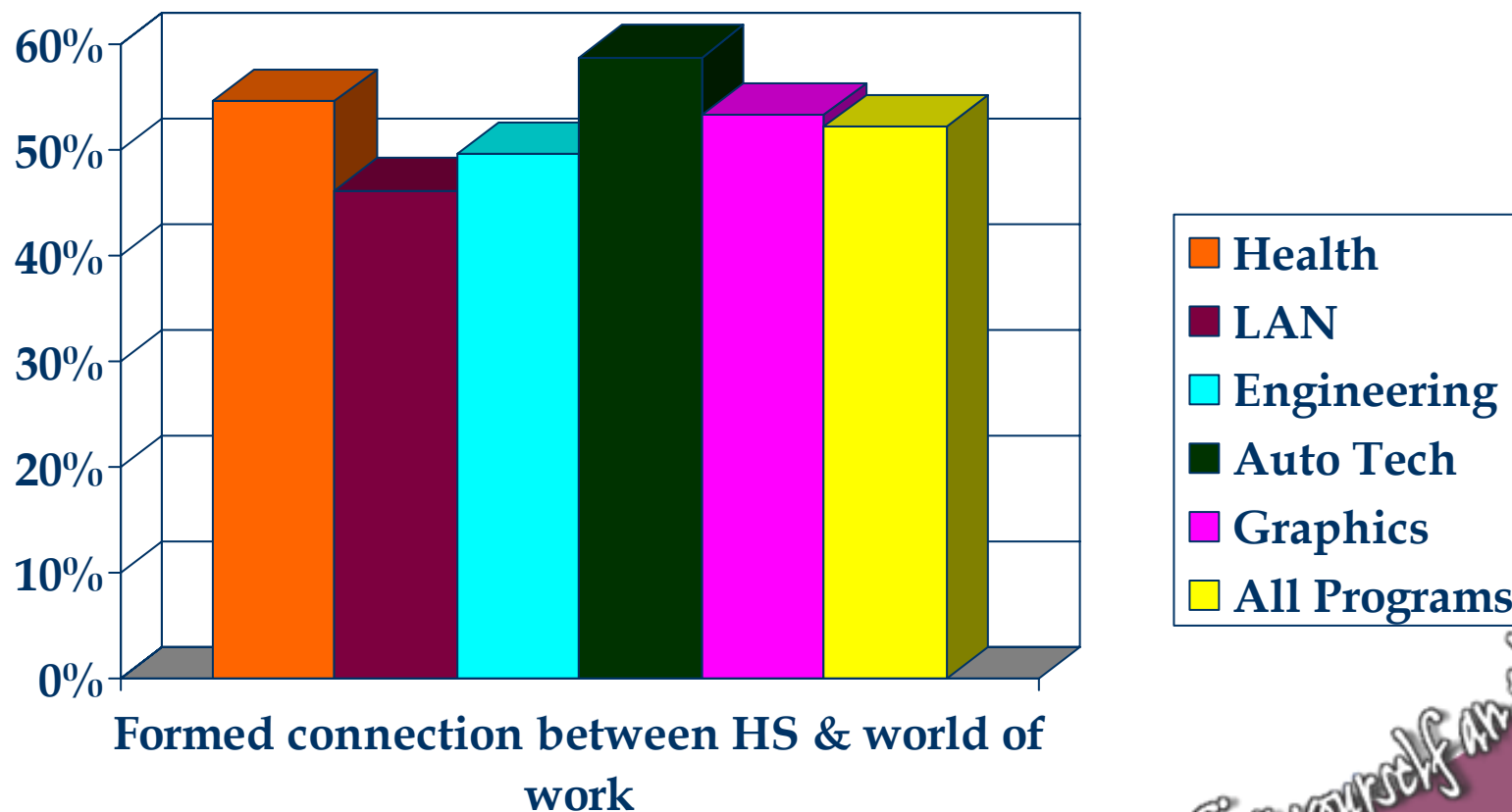
- ◆ Share facilities, funding, & students

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But, does it make a difference?

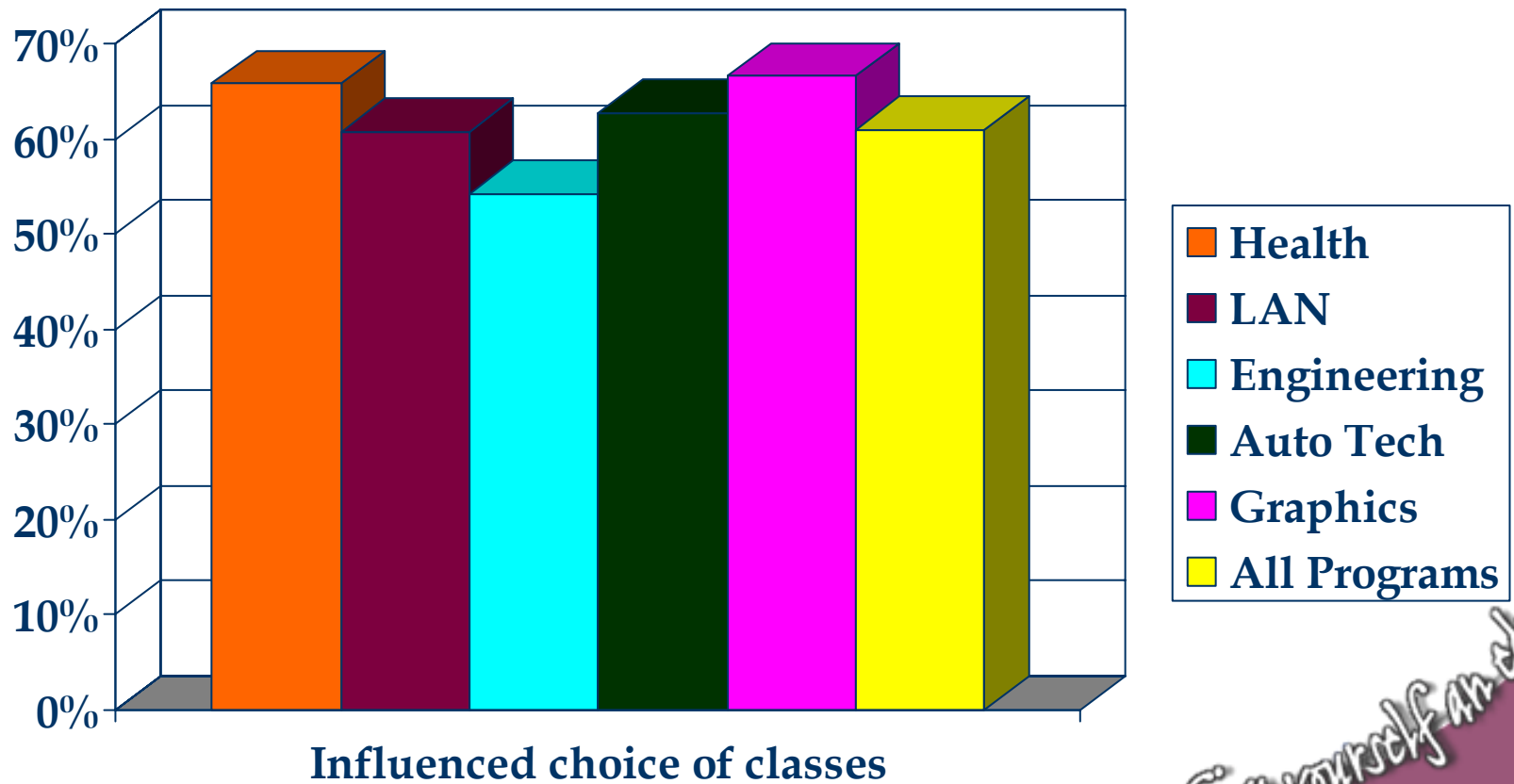


# Academy Programs - Connect HS & World of Work



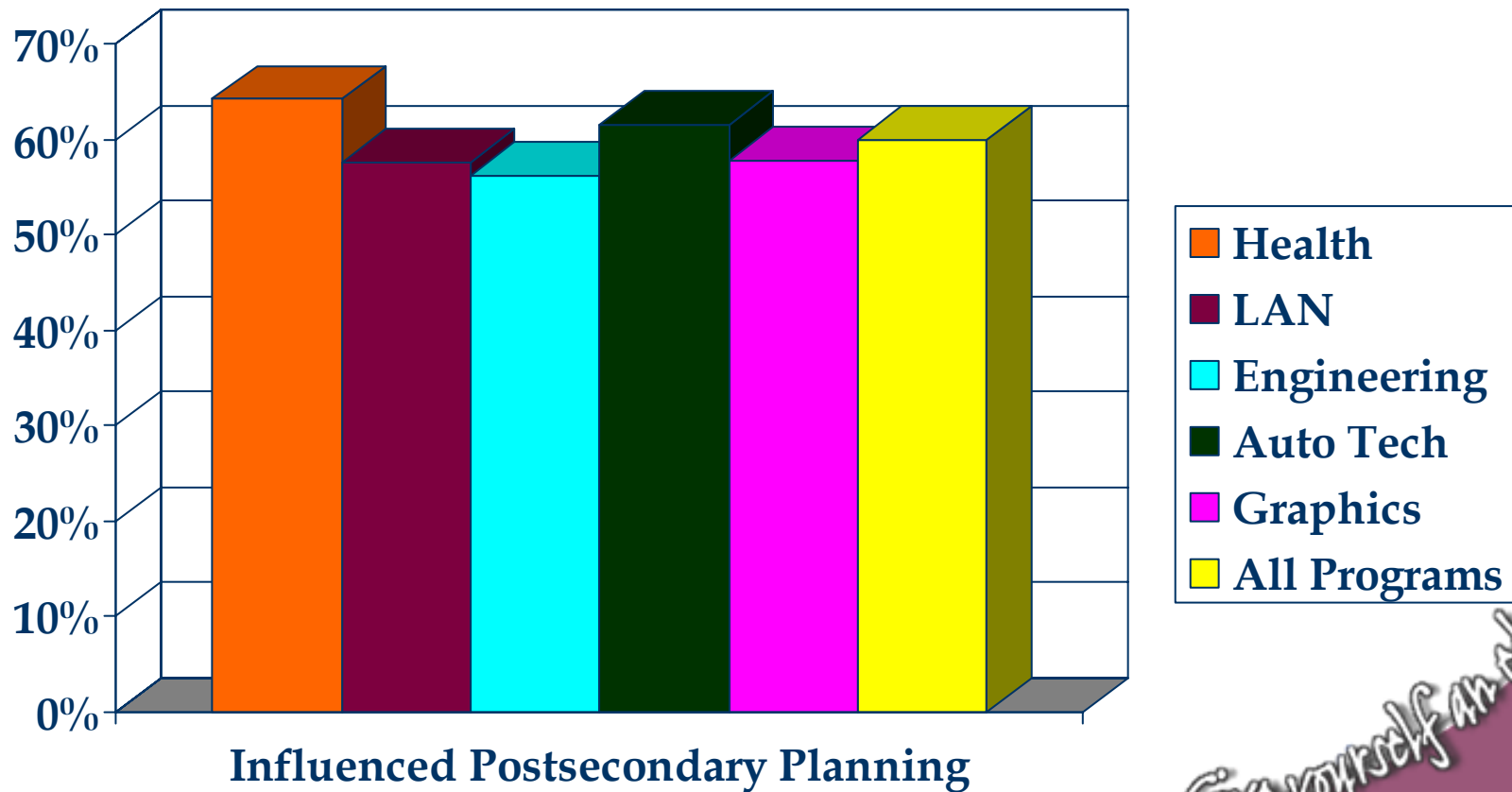
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# Academy Programs - Influence Choice of Classes



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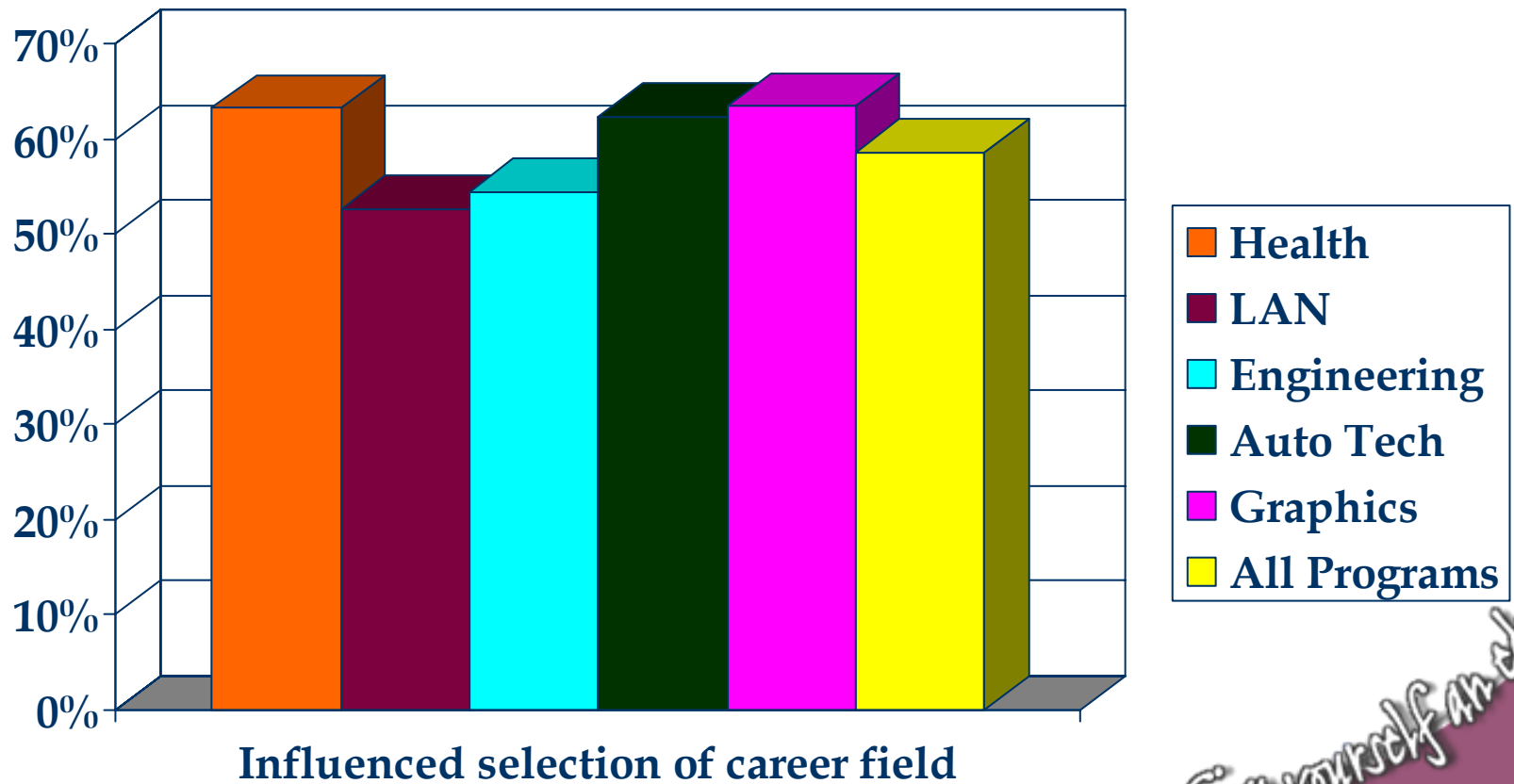
# Academy Programs - Influence Postsecondary Planning



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# Academy Programs - Influence Selection of Career Field



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## Career Academy Data Shows...

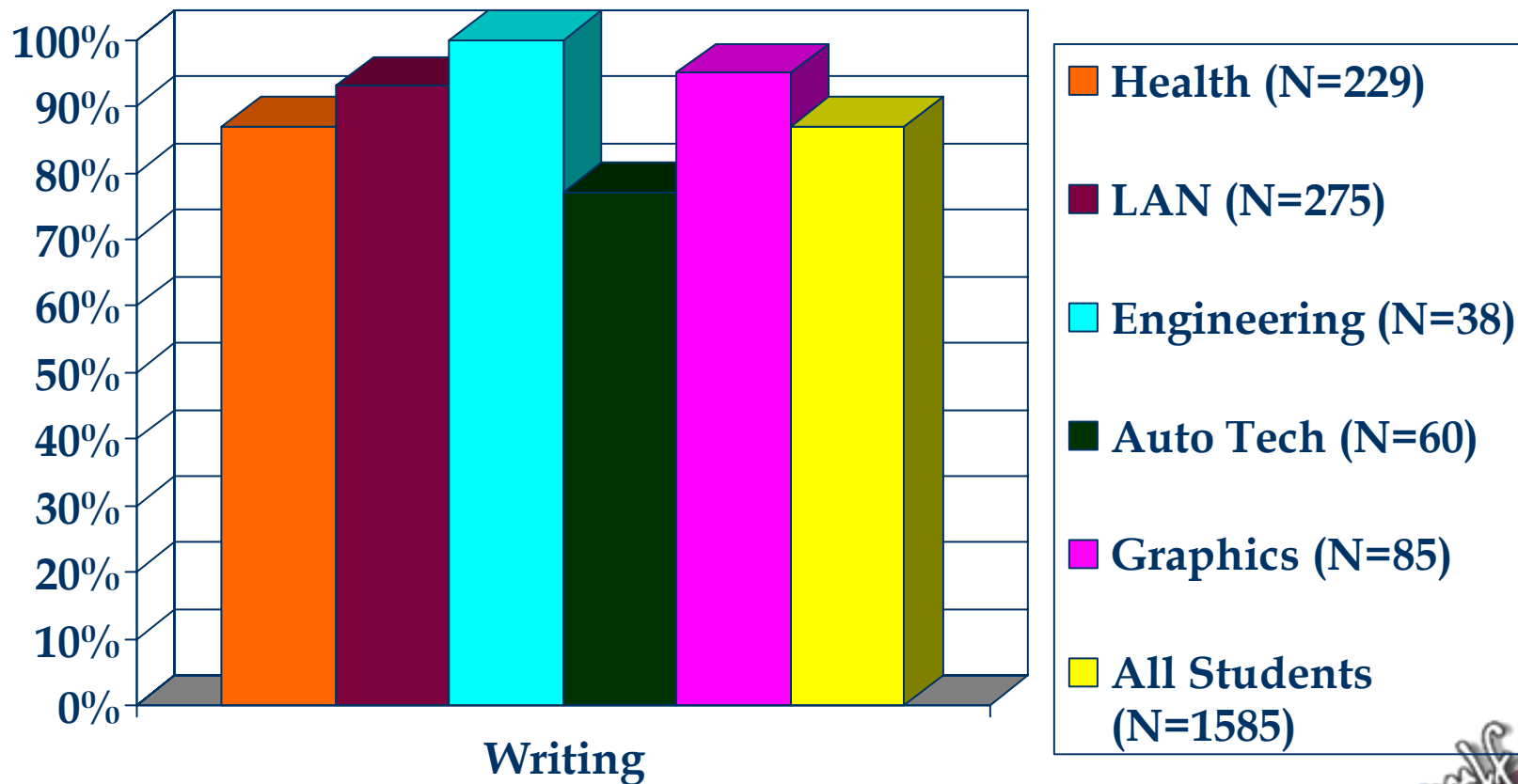
Students were better prepared & better informed to make postsecondary education and career decisions

and, as a result,

**less remediation was needed** at the postsecondary level...

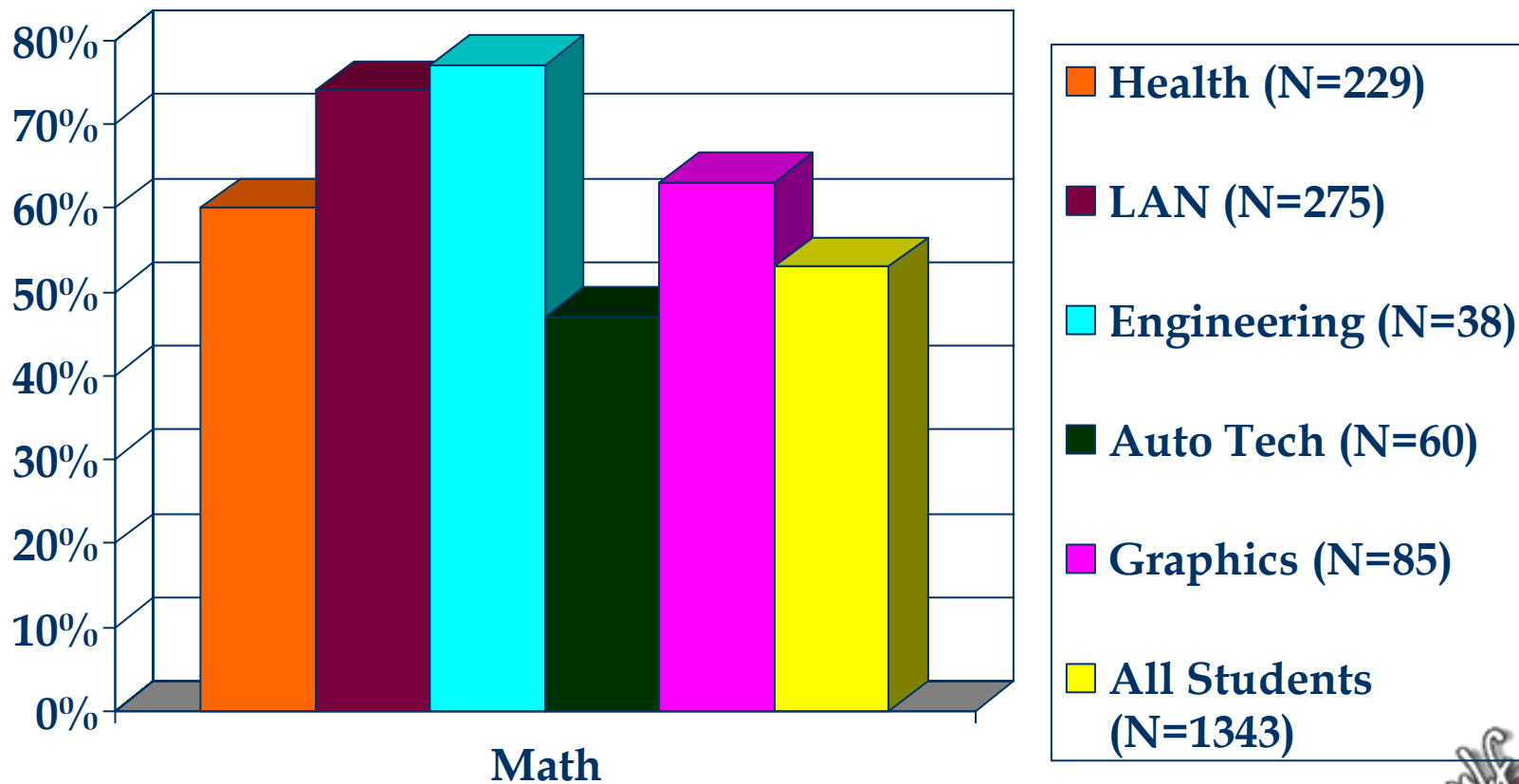
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# Prepared for College Level Rigor Class of 2002-2003



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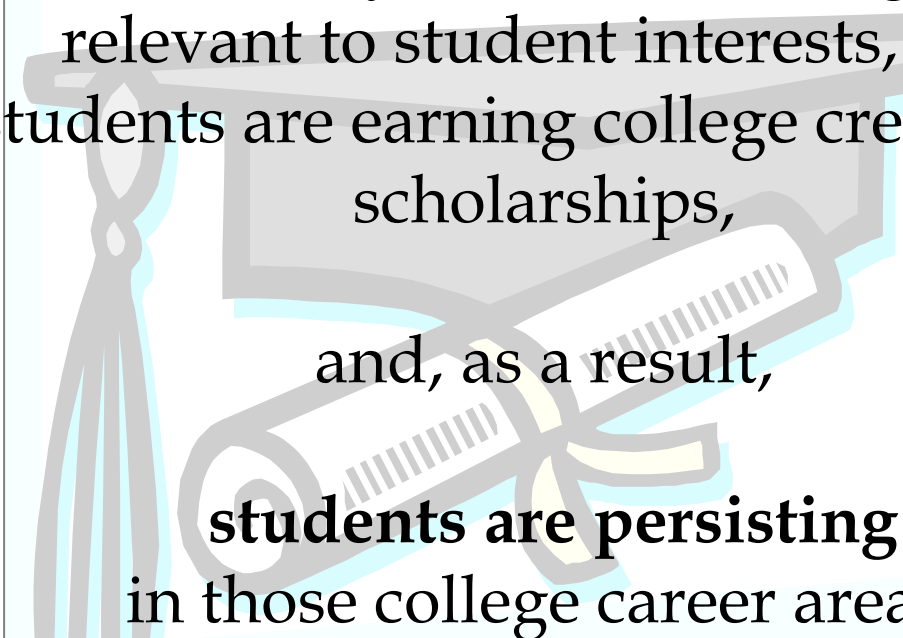
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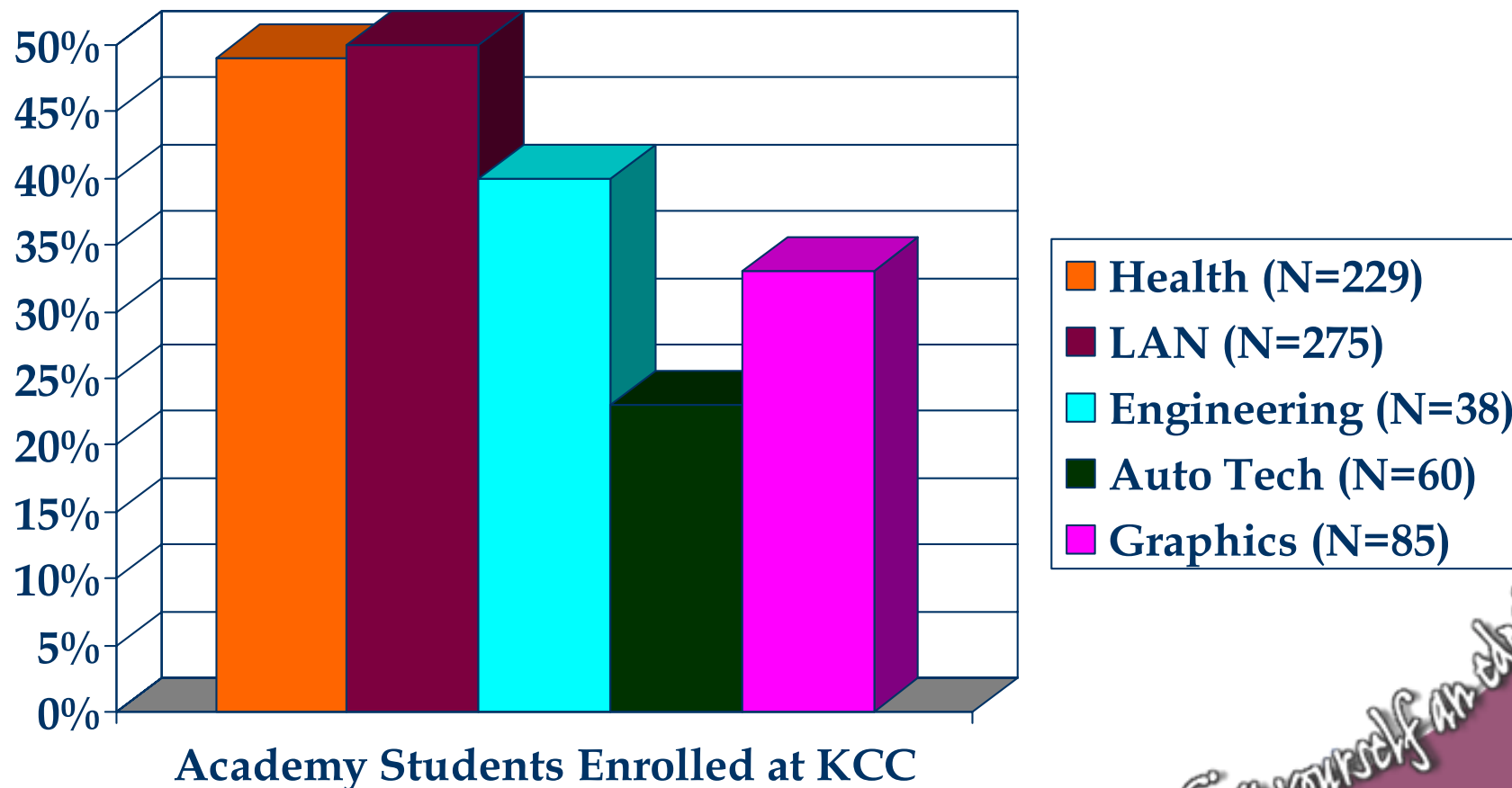
A stylized illustration of a graduation cap (mortarboard) with a tassel, and a rolled-up diploma tied with a ribbon, positioned behind the text.

The Academy curriculum is rigorous,  
relevant to student interests, and  
students are earning college credit and  
scholarships,  
and, as a result,  
**students are persisting**  
in those college career areas.

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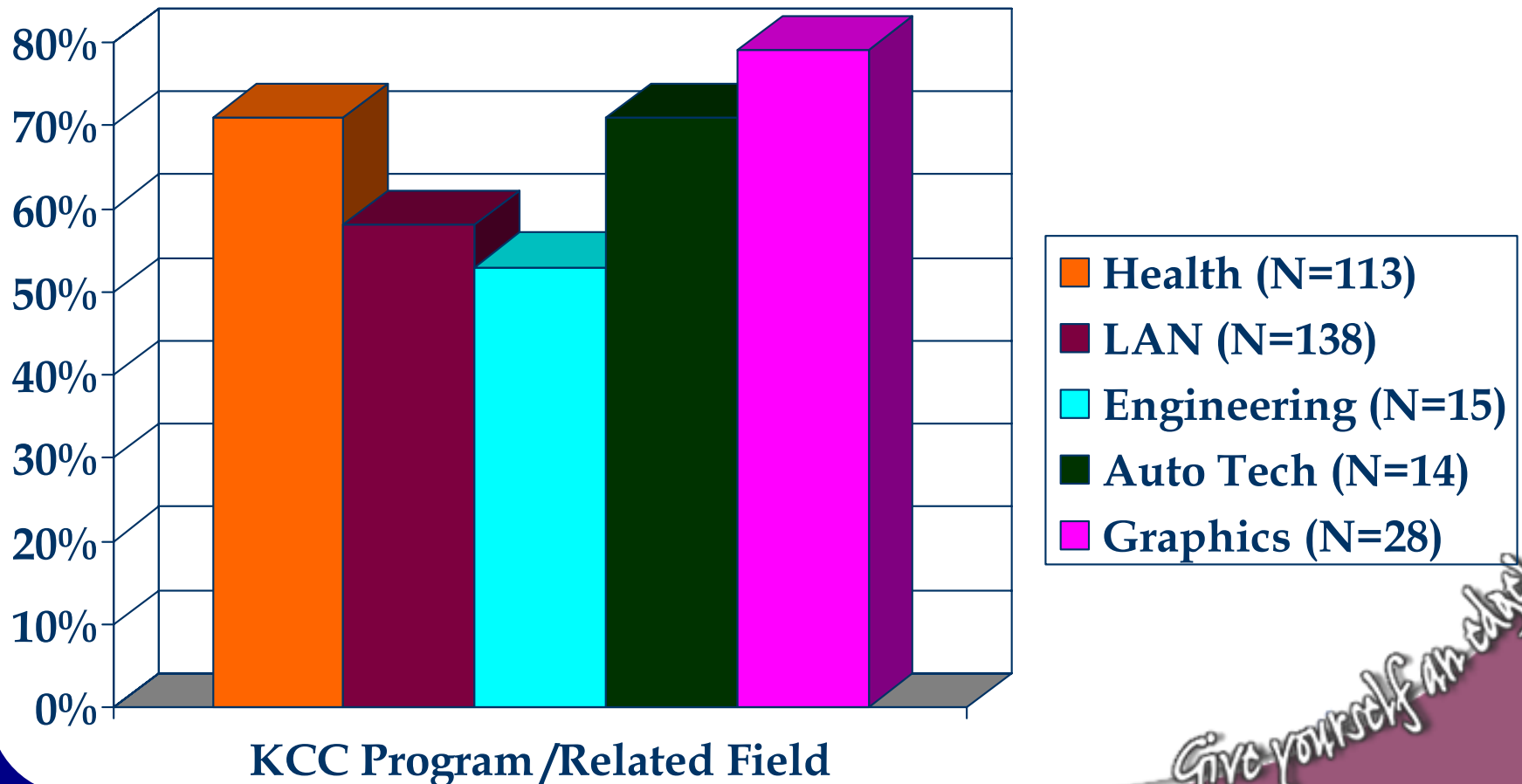


# Academy Students Continuing at Kirkwood - Class of 2002-2003



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# Persisting in Kirkwood Program or Related Field - Class of 2002-2003



# Does it make a difference?



Our students say, "YES!"

